

Sentry Displacement Draws to a Close, Wing Prepares to Return Home

By Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

BOISE, Idaho -- Six months into a seven month relocation of the 173rd Fighter Wing's flying operations, Oregon Air Guard members are beginning to prepare for the last phase of Sentry Displacement—packing up and coming home.

As a total reconstruction of the runway at Kingsley Field rolls toward an expected completion date in early November, nearly 225 members of the displaced wing are planning their return from Gowen Field in Boise, Idaho.

“Along with our normal flying we are ramping up the process and the planning for the trip home,” said Maj. Jeffrey Edwards, the assistant director of operations.

“Getting here was an enormous amount of work,” he added. “Picking up and getting back home does involve some planning but it’s not quite as difficult as getting here in the first place.”

Although the experience is outside the norm for a training base like



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson

A 173rd Fighter Wing jet takes off in front of the Boise Airport terminal and the skyline overlooking Gowen Field where the wing has temporarily relocated for the past seven months. Crews, pilots and all other support staff are gearing up for a long awaited return to Klamath Falls beginning by Nov. 4.

Kingsley Field and has required an intense effort on the part of personnel ranging from planning and logistics to maintenance operations, it is not without positive aspects.

According to Edwards the simple

process of picking up operations and reestablishing them elsewhere is an integral part of life in the “combat air force.”

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Former Sailor Helps Wing Jets Stay Aloft

By Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson,
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BOISE, Idaho -- After a stint in the active duty U.S. Navy stationed at NAS Whidbey Island, Wash. this sailor turned Air Guardsman has tallied nearly 15 years of jet mechanic work on aircraft ranging from EA-6bs, to the F-15 Eagle.

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Fuhrer

is a structural maintenance troop originally

from Portland, Ore. He recently traveled from Klamath Falls to Gowen Field and is helping the wing finish out its mission in Boise.

Sept. 16 finds him in a former C-130 hangar replacing a “145 r-rib” at the base of the leading edge of the (See **FUHRER** Page 8)



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson

Tech. Sgt. Joshua Fuhrer, a structural maintenance troop, works to replace a section at the base of the vertical surface of the right tail of a Kingsley Field F-15 in a maintenance hangar provided by the 124th Wing. After removing the old section he drills and rivets a new piece in place.

Commander's Corner

Kingsley Security Forces Team Ready for Civil Response

By Col. Chris Gatz, Commander 173rd Mission Support Group

As an operational reserve force, the National Guard is rapidly transforming to meet the security challenges within the homeland. Responding to Hurricane Katrina and Southwest border missions taught the Guard valuable lessons in the best way to organize and equip a National Guard unit to help civil authorities respond to a crisis. The National Guard Reaction Force (NGRF) was created to be a rapidly deployable force capable of performing these necessary missions. The NGRF is not considered just a threat-based force, but rather an all-hazards approach to address the threat. This includes conventional and asymmetrical threats and attacks as well as natural and man-made disasters or civil strife and incidents. A Quick Reaction Force (QRF) is a smaller unit that is part of the NGRF.

"The QRF is a highly trained team, ready to deploy at the direction of the Governor," said 1st Lieutenant Nikki Jackson, 173rd Security Forces Squadron.

The 173rd Security Forces Squadron was recently given the challenging task of standing up our own Quick Reaction Force. This southern Oregon QRF is an integral part of a larger state-wide force consisting of both Army National Guard and Air National Guard troops. The three units involved are; the 173rd SFS, the 142nd SFS and the 1186 Military Police, Oregon Army National Guard. The 173rd SFS team is a 31 member team consisting of a five-person leadership cadre and two thirteen-person teams.

There is a reason they are called a Quick Reaction Force--The tasking re-

quires that the leadership team is able to be anywhere within the state where they are needed within 12 hours. The thirteen-person follow on teams have 24 hours to have boots on the ground at any state emergency.

The Quick Response Force here at Kingsley Field is currently manned, trained, equipped and ready to take on their first mission. The main training aspect is on less than lethal force; which consists of batons, OC Pepper Spray and TASER.

"One of the steps in developing the QRF was ensuring we have local instructors that can keep members certified with necessary training. I was fortunate enough to get the opportunity to attend Taser Instructor Course. Now I routinely teach the Taser course and certify Kingsley Field members and some local law enforcement officers with the use and carry of the X26 Taser," said Staff Sgt. Russell Carr, one of the local QRF instructors.

Having six instructors for these tools makes the job much easier. Senior Master Sgt. Mark Patterson, Master Sgt. Cody Pemberton, Tech. Sgt. Vaughn Rains, Staff Sgt.'s Russell Carr, Dustin Woodworth and Daniel Silva are the primary instructors who are certified by the state to train.

"Now that we have local instructors, it is possible to keep our QRF members current with all necessary training," added Carr.

The logistical nightmare to make all this happen rests on the shoulders of the SF mobility noncommissioned officer Master Sgt. James Nielsen. Nielsen

secured two 5-ton trucks and four HMMWV's along with a water buffalo from the Army. He coordinated communication requirements as well as enough Meals Ready to Eat for the operation. This is a must since the QRF must be capable of self sustaining for the first 72 hours.

The QRF assigned here at Kingsley Field is a huge asset to the wing, Air National Guard and the State of Oregon. I am sure our wing will support the citizens of Oregon in an outstanding manner, emphasizing the citizen-soldier role. Whatever and where ever the mission is, the QRF will be ready to respond.

"The Kingsley Field Quick Reaction Force is made up of motivated, well trained members who are prepared to deploy, when necessary, for any task," said Jackson.



Photo by Staff. Sgt. Addie Carter

Staff Sgt. Claudia Marbury, 173rd Security Forces Squadron, practices with a four man fire team, clearing buildings at the Biak Training Center in Redmond, Ore. May 10, 2009 as Staff Sgt. Joshua Hilton, one of the training instructors observes.

COMMENTARY

Integrity Also Means Consistency

By Gen. Roger A. Brady, Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (AFNS) -- Every Airman knows integrity first is the foundational pillar of our core values, and we all understand what it means. We will always strive to do the right thing and be honest in all that we do.

I also believe integrity carries with it the idea of consistency in how we conduct every aspect of our lives.

Recently, I took the out brief of an off-duty vehicle accident in which two Airmen lost their lives. It was a very sad and all-too-familiar story of Airmen who combined alcohol with reckless, high-speed driving. The result was not only their deaths, but also that of an innocent person in a car with which they collided. In an instant, the lives of three families were torn apart and the Air Force lost two of its Airmen.

These Airmen had been very reliable in their duty performance. However, their propensity for binge drinking and high-speed driving was well known among their peers. In the days before the fatal accident, one of the Airmen had engaged in binge drinking that included the consumption of 15 or more drinks one night and in excess of 20 drinks the next night. Each night of binge drinking was followed by duty launching, recovering, maintaining and repairing fighter aircraft. Since we now know this, their peers obviously knew it as well. This Airman had a blood alcohol level of zero at the scene of the accident. He had "taken the night off" because he was worn out from drinking the previous days, but he still died as a passenger in the car with this

deadly "band of brothers." The driver, who they had decided would be the designated driver, decided not to take the night off from drinking. He was an avid driver and active member of a national racing association who often drove too fast for conditions in a manner that I would consider reckless. On the night of the accident, alcohol and speed became a deadly combination. We lost two Airmen and a civilian for absolutely no reason.

Having received this accident report, I made two observations. One, on duty these young men were good performers carrying out critical tasks supporting one of our most sophisticated weapons systems. But off duty, their immaturity was deadly. Two, the

disparity between the maturity demonstrated on duty and off duty was well-known to their fellow Airmen. Their wingmen did not hold them accountable.

An engineer might analyze a steel beam and declare that the steel has "integrity" from one end of the beam to another. This means that the quality of the steel is consistent from one end to the other. No portions had seams or inconsistent quality or areas that were brittle or in any way defective. The beam has "integrity."

Certainly none of us are perfect, but we must strive for this kind of integrity in our lives; the kind that makes us consistently the same person on (See **INTEGRITY** Page 7)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Suzanne M. Day
Dedicated on Oct., 14, 2006, the memorial honors the service and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States Air Force and its predecessor organizations. The wall bears the inscriptions of combat campaigns and expeditionary operations and contains the words of Air Force leaders that relate to the service's core values of Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do. The memorial is located just outside the nation's capital in Arlington, Va., adjacent to Arlington National Cemetery and overlooking the Pentagon.

MEDICAL

Guardmembers Urged To Prepare For Flu Season

By Army Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy, National Guard Bureau

ARLINGTON, Va. -- Army and Air National Guard members are scheduled to receive vaccinations against the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus beginning in early November, National Guard Bureau officials recently confirmed.

The exact date that Guard members will receive the H1N1 vaccine will be dictated by the Department of Defense or their state's plan for distributing the vaccine.

"The (Center for Disease Control) is really the lead on distributing the vaccine through the public health system and every state has their own plan on how they are going to set it up," said Army Capt. Lisa Burg, a medical plans officer with the National Guard Bureau's Joint Surgeon's Office. "Most National Guard Soldiers and Airmen are basically in the plan for the state they are in."

However, that may change in the near future, because there is "an increasing likelihood DoD will provide the vaccine to cover the entire Army Guard, regardless of status," said Col. Rob Brown, the chief surgeon of the Army National Guard.

Guardmembers on active duty or Title 10 orders are already scheduled



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jon Soucy
Air Force Gen. Craig R. McKinley, chief, National Guard Bureau, receives his seasonal flu shot from Tech Sgt. Angela Archer at the Pentagon, Sept. 25, 2009. "Protect yourself, your family, & your coworkers and get yours soon," he said, after receiving it.

to receive the vaccination through their host military treatment facility, said Air Force Maj. James Coker of the Air National Guard's Surgeon General's office.

Both groups will receive the vaccinations in accordance with prioritization guidelines set forth by the DoD and the CDC.

The DoD priority list is still being worked on, said Coker.

"Any place where we take a lot of people, squash them all together and get them nice and close and put them under stressful conditions will get the vaccine first," said Army Lt. Col. (Dr.) Wayne Hachey, the director of preventive medicine for DoD health affairs.

The National Guard, however, will not distribute the H1N1 vaccine on its

own.

"The National Guard will not obtain any of it directly ... unless it is specific to their state and it's in their state plan," said Burg.

Some states have already started providing the seasonal flu vaccines to Guardmembers, said Brown, who emphasized its importance.

"Get it now," he said. "It's required. Don't forget--unless your medical doctor says otherwise."

Guardmembers can take additional steps to protect themselves from both the seasonal flu and the H1N1 flu virus, such as covering their nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, frequent hand washing and limiting contact with those who are sick.

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**See insert on
page 5 for more
information on
how the flu virus
spreads**

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

Symptoms to consider when making your own preliminary diagnosis:

Influenza

Antiviral medications can help people feel better if taken within 48 hours of onset of symptoms

- Headache
- High fever
- Dry cough
- Chest pains
- Chills
- Severe fatigue
- Severe aches

NOTE: H1N1 virus also causes some gastrointestinal distress

Cold

Colds are caused by a different virus; symptoms are less severe — and they come on more gradually than flu

- Sneezing
- Stuffy nose
- Hacking cough
- Mild sore throat
- Mild fatigue

Strep throat

A sore throat, but no stuffy nose, may mean it's a streptococcal bacterial infection — antibiotics can help

- High fever
- Pus on tonsils
- Very sore throat

Stomach flu

Virus enters via mouth and multiplies in small intestine; symptoms can appear in a few hours, but usually take a day; food poisoning typically is a bacterial infection, such as E. coli

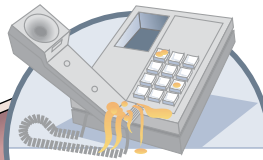
- Headache
- Vomiting
- Fatigue
- Diarrhea

FOLLOWING AN INFECTION FLU TRAVELS

Flu viruses constantly mutate, making it tough for our immune defenses to recognize the virus and combat it. Since the current strain of the H1N1 virus (known as swine flu) is relatively new, it may be more contagious than seasonal flu, although it seems no more virulent and most cases should be resolved without significant medical intervention. Here is a look at how flu infections spread:

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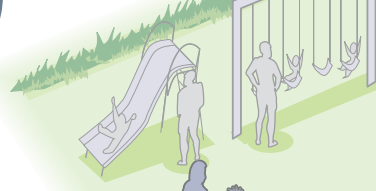
John goes to work feeling fine; while he is out to lunch, Jill sneezes into her hands and then uses John's phone and keyboard; working during the afternoon, John picks up virus on his hands; while leaving, he rubs his eyes and transfers virus into his system



Studies of office equipment found that 66% of viruses survived for an hour; 33% survived for 18 hours

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Karen takes her son Billy to the playground; he plays with his friends — some sneeze and cough over the equipment; fortunately, Karen uses alcohol wipes on Billy before he can rub his nose or eyes; they return home free of virus



Flu can survive on a bill for up to 10 days if someone with a virus sneezed on it; so wash your hands after paying for that fast food lunch

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John enjoys an evening with family; unfortunately, he does not realize that he is spreading virus around the house; it can take a day or so after you become infected before you show signs of illness

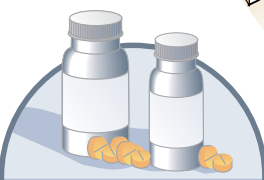
John and Billy share bowl of popcorn; now Billy has virus

John kisses Karen goodbye and gives her the virus

Billy carries virus to school

John carries virus back to office

Driving to work, John starts feeling symptoms — mild headache, low fever — and returns home



Prescription antiviral medications, if taken within a day or two after symptoms onset, can reduce severity of flu

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Flu symptoms usually come on quickly; in less than 24 hours, John and Billy have high fevers, severe aches and fatigue; the next three days are spent in bed, miserable; Karen gives them acetaminophen, nonprescription flu medications and plenty of fluids

DAY 1 DAY 2
DAY 3 DAY 4

After three days, Billy's symptoms don't lessen and Karen wonders if she should seek medical help

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The disease is at its most contagious levels and Karen tries to protect herself from breathing in the virus; on the morning of the fourth day John's fever is gone and he figures he can go back to work; unfortunately, he is still shedding thousands of flu viruses when he exhales

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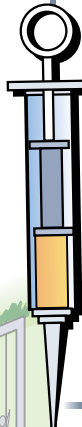
John and Billy need to be symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to work or school; some older, younger or weaker people can still be contagious for a couple of weeks because their immune system has a harder time eliminating the virus from their bodies

WAYS TO AVOID FLU

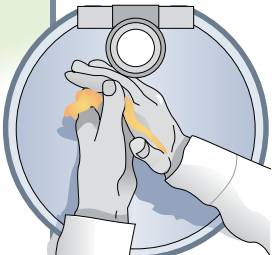
Health officials recommend most people get a flu shot — including for the H1N1 virus

Vaccination

- Vaccination provides up to 90% protection
- Swine flu shots should be ready by October
- It takes about two weeks before protection begins
- H1N1 vaccination will be in two doses, a couple weeks apart; healthy adults may only need one H1N1 vaccination
- Seasonal flu vaccination is one shot, but for children under 9 they may need two seasonal flu shots, bringing the total to four

**Wash hands**

Wash hands five times a day for at least 20 seconds; this is what it takes to prevent the spread of germs and viruses; less than half the people wash this long and this often

**Wear mask**

Masks can be worn by sick people so any droplets they expel do not easily land on objects or people; most masks are not as effective if worn by people who are well trying to avoid breathing in a virus



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Also, eating a healthy diet and getting plenty of sleep and exercise are other ways to help protect against the flu.

“All the things that your mom always told you to do,” said Brown. “It sounds a little bit corny, but it works. It really works.”

Guardmembers have been directed to stay at home at least 24 hours after experiencing fevers or any flu-like symptoms.

“If you feel the least bit sick, you’re running a fever or have flu-like symptoms, stay at home,” said Brown. “If the symptoms continue or worsen, go see your doctor or your primary care

manager.”

According to the CDC, the signs and symptoms of H1N1 are very similar to those of the seasonal flu and can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue and may include diarrhea and vomiting.

You should seek emergency care if you have difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, bluish skin color, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion or severe or persistent vomiting.

So, vaccination is important to thwart both of these viruses.

“It’s important, because we’re trying to decrease the risk of spreading it

as well,” said Burg. “Especially when you have Soldiers with families. We want to decrease the risk of it being spread and that’s the biggest part.”

Guardmembers should make plans to care for sick household members or for children if schools dismiss students or child care programs close.

“You owe it to yourself, your family and your fellow Soldier to get your flu vaccinations, seasonal and H1N1,” Brown said. “A healthy team is a winning team!”

Guardmembers are encouraged to contact their chain of command or their state medical command for more information on vaccinations against H1N1 and the seasonal flu.

173rd Civil Engineering Squadron Continues Construction Around the Base

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett



AF Reserve Recruits Accept Oath Of Enlistment at Bronco's Game

By Tech. Sgt. Daniel Butterfield,
302nd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

DENVER, Colo. -- The Air Force Reserve hosted a mass enlistment ceremony for new recruits at Invesco Field Oct. 4 in Denver. The event was hosted by both the 310th Space Wing and 302nd Airlift Wing, both based in Colorado Springs, Colo., and the recruits took the oath of enlistment in front of a crowd of more than 76,400 fans. This enlistment followed a spectacular flyover of four F-15C Eagles from the 173rd Fighter Wing, Ore. Air National Guard.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Daniel Butterfield

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Student pilot Capt. Mike Culhane echoes that saying that many of the experiences he's gained since he began flying from Gowen Field help him get a sense of flying in the operational air force as opposed to a strict training environment. "You get more experience flying in different airspace and talking to different air controllers which is a part of normal flying," he added.

A sentiment prevalent among the many maintenance personnel who ensure continuous flight operations are possible at Gowen could be characterized as 'business as usual.'

Tech. Sgt. Patrick Rempe, a maintenance troop said "It's been without a hitch, it's no different than home just a different location."

Considering the magnitude of the move, which in the words of the previous deployment project officer for Sentry Displacement, Maj. Gregory Johnson took "50 trucks worth of equipment, not to mention all the people," this is a remarkable feat.

Edwards credits the 173rd FW for astute planning and logistics and the 124th Wing for providing excellent

support.

"When I think about this whole deployment we're seeing the culmination of a great plan, a great host and great people coming together to make it work-- that's what we've seen thus far," said Edwards.

Among the many elements that have helped make the trip a success, the location at Gowen provides student pilots access to the normal flying ranges as well as to range space used principally by Mountain Home Air Force Base. In addition, the airfield is able to accommodate the flight windows needed for effective F-15 training, which according to Edwards is a limiting factor for many Guard bases.

"I think it's been a win-win for both of us with the Guard Bureau picking up the funding for those facilities while [the 173rd] is here," said 124th Wing Commander Col. James R. Compton, which helps the Idaho Air National Guard span the interim as they shut down their C-130 mission which was closed in April under the Base Realignment and Closer program.

"I think everybody on the installa-

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duty and off, with our peers, our subordinates, our supervisors and our families. As wingmen we must also hold each other accountable as professional Airmen.

This is simply the right thing to do, and it is the only way we can ensure that we have safe, satisfying and productive lives for ourselves, our families, our unit, the Air Force and the nation.

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tion is enjoying seeing [the 173rd] guys here, the patterns you're flying and the visibility you bring to the base."

One member of the Idaho Air National Guard who has worked most closely with the visiting Oregonians is building custodian Senior Master Sgt. Joe Stork of the 124th Wing.

"When the 173rd came in here they have been very gracious guests right from the first day of advance planning through this whole deployment, as good as any guests we've had," he said.

The aircraft are scheduled to begin returning to Kingsley Field Nov. 3 with the remaining personnel retuning to Klamath Falls by Nov. 12.

"The past six months has been a huge effort for the wing and everyone has done a tremendous job," said Col. James Miller the 173rd Fighter Wing Commander. "We were very fortunate to have the 124th host us over in Boise, but we are looking forward to being back in Klamath Falls. It will be great to have the wing back in one place."

DENTAL

New Active Duty Dental Plan

The new active duty dental plan program began Aug. 1, 2009, and replaced the Military Medical Support Office's (MMSO) administration of service member private sector dental care.

The new Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP) becomes the dental care plan for active duty service members (ADSMs) assigned to locations with no access to a military dental facility.

TRICARE Prime Remote enrollees—ADSMs with duty stations and residences more than 50 miles from a military dental facility—are eligible for ADDP. Reserve and National Guard members activated for more than 30 consecutive days on federal orders and who live more than 50 miles from a military dental facility are

also eligible for ADDP on their activation date.

United Concordia Companies, Inc., (United Concordia) administers the Department of Defense's Active Duty Dental Program (ADDP) to all eligible active duty uniformed service members.

The ADDP provides private sector dental care to ensure dental health and deployment readiness for active duty service members (ADSMs). The ADDP provides dental care to ADSMs who are unable to receive required care from a military dental treatment facility (DTF). Two options; United Concordia will coordinate an appointment for routine

You must obtain an Authorization Control Number (ACN) prior to your dental appointment

dental care or you may schedule one yourself. Routine dental care consists of (e.g., examinations, cleanings, fillings) within 21 calendar days of request and 28 calendar days for specialty dental care (e.g., crowns, bridges, dentures, periodontal treatment). This is the max time frame.

Please review the Tricare Remote Active Duty Dental Program PowerPoint to help you understand the changes that have taken place.

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vertical tail section of a 173rd Fighter Wing F-15. When asked what his favorite part of his job is, the coverall clad mechanic had an answer that may surprise some.

"We get to be creative," he said. "Most of the parts don't come where they fit in the airplane, so we trim them down and make them fit. There is a lot of hand fabrication we use when we make a part from scratch."

He likens the work to that displayed in a custom motorcycle building show saying, "it's a lot of the same skills you would use to make a motorcycle as far as machining goes." Today that means drilling rows of precise holes with a pneumatic drill, removing the old part and carefully shaping the new one to take its place, and finally checking his work with a larger version of a mouth mirror like a dentist uses.

"You have to trim the new one to fit into the airframe, then re-drill all the holes, it will take me four or five hours to get it done," said Fuhrer.

The former sailor says he is looking forward to returning to Klamath Falls, Ore. because he likes a small town. But, he says a two-month deployment is a nice change of pace compared to the six-month cruises he was used to, and he adds that Boise

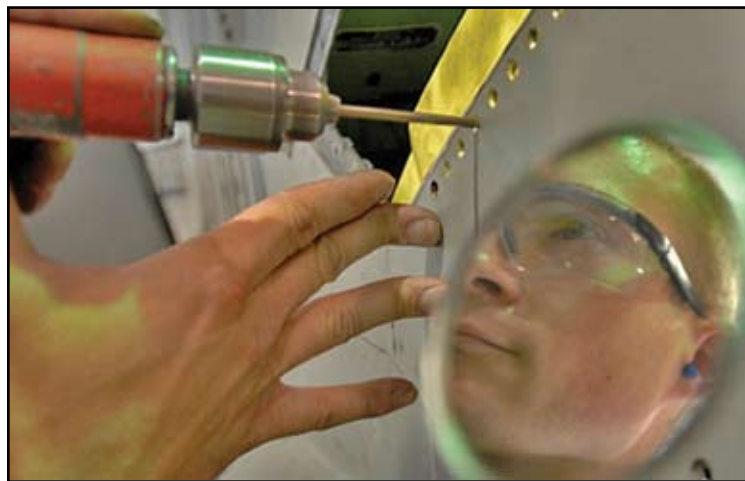


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Jefferson Thompson

Often the spaces he must inspect are too tight to peer into without the help of a mirror tool, similar to what a dentist uses to view a patient's teeth. Here his reflection is captured by his mirror tool as he drills a new hole using an air-powered drill.

has a lot of things to do.

When prompted about what the future holds Fuhrer says he is happy right where he is at, "I like doing what I'm doing I plan to keep doing it and see where it takes me!"

Runway Construction Comming to an End at Kingsley Field

Story and photo by Tech. Sgt. Polly Bennett, 173rd Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Kingsley Field runway renovation project is days away from completion and we will be seeing and hearing our jets in the air again. So, why did it take six long months for a new runway? After all it's just concrete, lights and some grass ... right?

Not in the least; the entire project was "a big learning experience," said Master Sgt. Eric W. Storer, 173rd Fighter Wing Power Production noncommissioned officer in charge. "All of the power production personnel had to be put on full time status," he added.

Storer couldn't be in two places at once and oversee everything. "Young air-

Master Sgt. Eric W. Storer, 173rd Fighter Wing, Power Production and Michael D. Erickson, an electrician with Lantz Electric scrutinize the workmanship of the grooves on the runway at Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, on October 14, 2009. The grooves provide both traction and allow for rain runoff, a feature the old runway did not have.

men had to step up and assume a lot of responsibility," said Storer.



Outside contractors did the entire concrete work; including adding a grooved runway, something we never had before. Additionally new lightning, storm drains, and most importantly for our jets, a new aircraft arresting system BAK-12, had to be completed.

BAK-12 is used

during an in-flight-emergency to safely stop a jet. Designated runways have heavy duty fairlead beams with industrial strength coiled webbing, which leads down into the pit. Inside the pit, which as the name implies is below the surface of the runway, the webbing is on a large spool. When the aircraft arresting system is activated it will absorb the inertia of a jet.

This is a behind the scenes, and quite literally below the ground, simplified explanation of one of the numerous time consuming upgrades of the runway renovation.

Don't ask me for an explanation of the green facsimile, soon to be grass on the runway. That's another long story.



A civilian contractor sprays Hydro seed on the newly renovated runway at Kingsley Field Air National Guard Base, on October 14, 2009. Hydro seeding is an essential step in revamping the runway, keeping dust and erosion down while obtaining a more natural look with the surroundings

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CHAPLAIN'S CHATTER



By Capt. Kraig Kroeker, 173rd Fighter Wing Chaplain



I love the fall season. Like many of you, I enjoy the cooler temperatures and the changing of the leaves as I take my late afternoon walks with my wife and daughter.

I also love fall team sports. I really enjoy watching and talking football, whether at the high school, college, or pro levels. And, though I was not able to participate this year, I usually am wrapping up a season of coaching girl's varsity volleyball.

I remember my first season as a varsity volleyball coach. I had a fantastic team of girls who simply loved to play the game. They were not defending state champions, nor had they ever won their district. The fact was they had never experienced a winning season...ever.

Going into that first practice where we as coaches get to elaborate on our great dreams for the team, I wondered if my words were falling on deaf ears.

It was then that a senior girl who had experienced season after disappointing season, said, "Coach, we have one goal: we want to have a winning season--Such elaborate goals,"

I thought to myself. Then it hit me. These girls were not looking to simply survive the season or pad individual stats, but they were looking to make history as a team.

They finally understood the simple fact that whatever good comes they are far better doing it as a team rather than a group of individuals.

I remember the girls storming the floor after winning their last home game. They danced and celebrated. We finished the season with a record of 9-7; their first winning season.

They understood their greatest victory started with a winning attitude. When things were good, they celebrated. When things were bad, they got together to encourage one another on how to play better. Though the coaches still kept stats, the players were not consumed with counting kills, digs, or aces.

Their primary concern was to successfully be a team.

As we re-unite here at Kingsley, it is my hope that we continue to function as a great team. When things go well,

let us make sure to celebrate. When things go bad, let us help each other to make sure we not only train the best air-to-air combat pilots in the world, but we do so as a successful team.

Chaplain's Office Information

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UTA Services:

Catholic Service: Medical Conference Room, Sunday's at 0730

Protestant Service: Medical Training Room, Sunday's at 0730

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH

November UTA

Saturday 31 Oct. 2009

Chicken Pot Pie
Beef Tips In Mushroom Sauce
Parmesan Egg Noodles
Steamed Carrots
Broccoli In Cheese
Rolls
Vegetable Beef Soup
Assorted Desserts

Saturday 1 Nov. 2009

Turkey
Seasoned Pork Loin
Mashed Potatoes
Candied Yams
Stuffing
Smoked Corn
Green Beans
Baked Potato Soup
Rolls
Assorted Desserts

***Menu Subject to change due to availability*

Announcements



Annual Trick or Treating For Your Kids On Base



Offices with balloons outside
will be handing out candy

Oct 31, 2009
1100 - 1420



Photos of your kids dressed in costume
will be provided by Public Affairs, Bldg. 231

Everyone's Invited !!

Free Friday Night Movies!!!



Join us every Friday,
7:00pm at the Kingsley
theater for free movies

Volunteers are needed to keep this
program going. Please contact the
Public Affairs office at x5-6677 if you
would like to volunteer or learn more
about the Friday Night Movies.

Movies subject to change or cancellation without notice.

Craylene's Family Haircare

Haircuts for Men, Women and Children
Basic Haircut \$9.80 - Style Cut \$13.00

**Open Mon. through Fri. 9-3
Closed Down Mondays**

Located in the Barber
Shop next to the BX

If you have any questions please call 885-6370.

2009 UTA Schedule

Nov. UTA:

10/31 - 11/1

Dec. UTA:

12/5 - 12/6

Welcome to the Unit!

Col. James Kriesel
Capt. Anil Menon
Chief Master Sgt. Ronal Hugulet
Staff Sgt. Nicolas Immler
Staff Sgt. Andrew Lautenschlager
Staff Sgt. Jennifer Maurer
Staff Sgt. Laduska Miller
Staff Sgt. Randy Moore
Staff Sgt. John Whiddon
Senior Airman Amanda Lindbloom

Senior Airman Danile Moore
Airman 1st Class Ryan Jeffires
Airman 1st Class Thomas Howard
Airman 1st Class Kyle Knisely
Airman 1st Class Chad Leroy
Airman 1st Class Jacop Ingledue
Airman 1st Class Jesse
 Phillpsmead
Airman 1st Class Michael Vinson
Airman 1st Class Michael Rejent

Airman 1st Class Tina Worley
Airman 1st Class David Wright
Airman 1st Class Joshua Zumwalt
Airman Jennifer Reese
Airman Basic Nathaniel Janssen
Airman Basic Mackenzi Kasper
Airman Basic Audra Luther
Airman Basic Robert Vannarath
Airman Basic Megan Weitzel



Photo by James Hazeltine, High-G Productions

Two A-10 Thunderbolt aircraft from the 124th Wing fly in formation with a 173rd Fighter Wing F-15 Eagle aircraft. They flew out of Gowen Field, Idaho as part of a project to showcase the cooperation between the wings. Photographer Jim Haseltine rode in the back seat of a Kingsley Field F-15 in order to capture this and other images. This image was taken over the south-east foothills of the Sawtooth Mountains.

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